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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3271

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SC CONSULTATIONS ON UNDOF COMMANDER

REFS: USUN 3263(NOTAL); B) USUN 3255 (NOTAL)

1. AS THEY HAVE DONE IN EVERY SC DECISION TOUCHING UNEF AND UNDOF SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE FORCES, SOVIETS JULY 9 PRESSED HARD TO PUT THEIR PEACEKEEPING DOCTRINE INTO PRACTICE.

2. SC CONSULTATIONS ON RESPONSE TO SYG'S LETTER REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF COLONEL PHILIPP AS UNDOF COMMANDER BEGAN WITH SOVIET ACTING PERM REP OVINNIKOV PROPOSING CHANGES TO SC PRESIDENT'S DRAFT REPLY (REF A). ESSENCE OF AMENDMENTS WAS TO SUBSTITUTE SC "CONSENT" FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO APPOINTMENT. WE HAD NO GROUNDS TO OBJECT TO SOVIET FORMULATION SINCE CLEAR PRESIDENT EXISTS FOR THIS WORDING IN COUNCIL'S CONSENT TO SIILASVUO'S APPOINTMENT AS UNEF COMMANDER (S/11104). INDEED
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SYG NOTE TO SC INVITED THIS RESPONSE BY SPEAKING OF SC "CONSENT.

THUS AGREED LANGUAGE OF SC REPLY TO SYG ON PHILIPP IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE INTENTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SO CONSENTS, TO APPOINT COLONEL HANNES PHILIPP AS COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE (UNDOF).

"ON THE BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED COMMUNICATION AND GIVES ITS CONSENT TO THIS APPOINTMENT. THE CHINESE DELEGATION DECLARED THAT CHINA DISSOCIATED ITSELF FROM THIS MATTER."

3. OVINNIKOV NEXT OBJECTED TO FACT THAT THREE UN COMMANDERS IN MIDDLE EAST WERE WEST EUROPEAN, AND ASKED SC PRESIDENT (ITALY) TO INFORM SYG THAT SC BELIEVED ME COMMANDERS SHOULD IN FUTURE REPRESENT NOT ONE REGION BUT THREE. AMB. BENNETT RESPONDED THAT EFFICIENCY OF FORCE MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER FAVORITISM TO ONE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, THERE WOULD BE TIMES WHEN THAT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE. HE ASKED THAT THIS VIEW ALSO BE CONVEYED TO SYG.

4. TURNING TO REPLACEMENT FOR PERUVIAN CONTINGENT, OVINNIKOV CIRCULATED A DRAFT LETTER TO SYG (PARA 6 BELOW) REAFFIRMING THE "RIGHT" OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO BE REPRESENTED IN UN ME FORCES. BENNETT SAID US DEL WAS NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOVIET DRAFT NOW, CONSULTATIONS HAVING BEEN CALLED ON DIFFERENT ISSUE. IT WAS AGREED HOLD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON MATTER AFTERNOON JULY 12.

5. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, WE WILL ATTEMPT PERSUADE OTHER SC MEMBERS TO ACCEPT LETTER ALONG LINES PARA 7 IN PLACE OF SOVIET TEXT.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF USSR DRAFT:

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USSR DRAFT LETTER TO SYG
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I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 3 JULY 1975 CONCERNING REPLACEMENT OF THE PERUVIAN CONTINGENT IN THE UNDOF IN VIEW OF THE WISH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU THAT ITS CONTINGENT BE WITHDRAWN AS OF 20 JULY 1975.

AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN CAN INFORM YOU THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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